

YOUTH EXPECTATIONS FOR THE YOUTH CAREER SKILLS CHALLENGE

The rules for youth participating in the Youth Career Skills Challenge are based on respect for one another. It is important for young people to remember that they are part of a national youth development culture that is larger than themselves, their YO! sites or even their communities. For purposes of this agreement the Youth Career Skills Challenge Staff includes all U.S. Department of Labor staff and all chaperones from each of the Youth Opportunity sites.

When a young person signs this document he or she enters an agreement to comply with the rules and regulations for the Youth Career Skills Challenge. These rules are in effect upon arrival at Catholic University until departure from Catholic University.

1. At no time are participants allowed to enter the room of members of the opposite gender. For example, male participants will not enter female participants' rooms and vice versa. (We define the line as the threshold of the door to the room.)
2. Participants are absolutely forbidden to possess and/or use alcoholic beverages at any time.
3. Participants are absolutely forbidden to possess and/or use drugs other than those prescribed for them by a doctor and for which there is document evidence on file.
4. Participants are absolutely forbidden to possess and/or use firearms or weapons of any kind.
5. Abuse, defacement, or theft of property or facilities is strictly prohibited.
6. Participants will cooperate with all Skills Challenges staff including all chaperones, regardless if they are the chaperones from the participant's site at all times.
7. Participants are discouraged from smoking while on the program except in areas so designated by the University and/or city ordinances.
8. Participants are purposefully assigned to rooms and groups with youth whose backgrounds may be quite different from their own. These assignments are strictly enforced. Participants who are unable or unwilling to comply cooperatively with these assignments are subject to immediate dismissal.
9. Participants will respect the freedom of expression and the diversity of opinions expressed by other participants and speakers.
10. Youth who not registered in the Youth Career Skills Challenge are absolutely forbidden from entering student rooms without prior consent from Skills Challenge staff. This prohibition includes family members and is for the purpose of protecting students and their property.

Infractions of any of these rules will result in immediate dismissal of the participant from the Skills Challenge and from the campus. In case of such dismissal, the youth's parents and YO! site will be notified, the youth will be returned home at the YO! Site's expense and no payments will be refunded.

My signature below indicates that I will abide with all of the rules outlined for the duration of the Skills Challenge and my stay at Catholic University.

Youth Signature

Chaperone Signature

Project Director Signature